

Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Doug Hermanson investigated an abandoned campfire that was the origin of a wildfire. CO Hermanson was able to identify the campers who abandoned the campfire by evidence left at the campsite. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly investigated an illegal trash and building material dump site on state land and through several contacts in the area was able to locate the origin of the materials. CO Eberly contacted the suspect and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Brett DeLonge checked the Harlow Lake area of Marquette for an ongoing complaint of land use violations. The COs encountered a group who were camping illegally right past a "No Camping" sign. The camp site was littered with trash and several of the campers were minors in possession of alcohol. The group was advised of the regulations and asked to clean up the site. They were also ticketed for camping where prohibited.

CO Ryan Aho conducted a patrol on the Dead River Basin in Marquette County. Several marine violations were encountered, including a ticket issued to one boater for an unregistered watercraft. While continuing his patrol, CO Aho observed a kayaker on the choppy water who appeared to not have a personal flotation device (PFD) on board. Several boats passed by on plane, adding to the already turbulent waters due to the high wind conditions. CO Aho observed the kayak capsize, dumping the subject on board into the water. CO Aho immediately responded to his aid. The subject, who had both shoulders injured by surgery, was gasping for air and coughing up water. CO Aho assisted the exhausted individual into his patrol vessel. He then transported the individual and his kayak back to shore, where a crowd of onlookers had gathered. CO Aho did not ticket the boater for his lack of PFD, since the subject got a first-hand look at why they are such a vital piece of safety equipment.

CO Ryan Aho contacted a subject fishing at the Escanaba River north of Gwinn, along M-35. The subject was asked by the CO if he had caught any fish, to which the angler did not respond. CO Aho, who had observed a yellow stringer in the water, again asked the angler if he had any fish. At this time, the angler admitted to having three fish on the stringer, two of which were undersized walleye. A LEIN check of the individual revealed that he had warrant out for his arrest for failure to pay a large amount of child support. As he was unable to post the \$50,000 cash bond, the subject was taken into custody and transported to the Marquette County Jail.

COs Dave Painter, Jason Wicklund and PCO Michael Mansell responded to the complaint of a stolen ORV located near Iron River. The COs located the ORV submerged in the Iron River and were able to safely remove the machine from the

water. The owner of the ORV was located and the ORV was returned. The investigation into the theft of the ORV is ongoing.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Michael Mansell responded to the complaint of deer blinds left out on state land. The camp responsible for the illegal blinds was located and contact was made with the camp owner. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Wicklund and Doug Hermanson checked a boat with no navigational lights. The driver of the boat told the COs that he recently found the boat in a dumpster and showed the COs the homemade repairs he made. He also showed the COs the walleye he caught that was "close to 15 inches". The 13 inch walleye was seized and enforcement action was taken for possession of an undersized walleye and the unregistered boat.

COs Jason Wicklund and Doug Hermanson were heading to local lake when they observed five ORVs driving down the highway. CO Wicklund pulled in behind them and activated the patrol truck's lights and sirens, and the group stopped. The two ORVs in the back looked at the CO and then went around the group and continued down the trail. CO Hermanson continued on and caught the two ORVs at the next road crossing. Multiple violations were addressed including riding double on an ORV, open intoxicants, and careless driving.

COs Jason Wicklund and Doug Hermanson checked a pontoon boat operating after dark with no lights. The group on the boat stated that the battery was dead and that they were hoping to drift to the resort where they were staying, approximately five miles away. The COs used their patrol boat battery to get the motor running on the pontoon boat and sent the grateful family back to the resort to enjoy the holiday weekend.

CO Jason Wicklund stopped three side by side ORVs operating on the highway who were non-residents and lost. After educating them on the laws and safety aspect of their decisions, the CO escorted them to their destination. On the way back, CO Wicklund came across another group of non-resident ORVs operating with no helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Jeff Panich was conducting a marine patrol in the Cedarville area when he observed a boat that appeared to be sinking. Upon contact the two anglers expressed anger at the number of speedboats driving close to where they were fishing. CO Panich observed a substantial amount of water in the boat and asked the occupants if they were sinking. They replied, "No, it just takes on water while fishing". A safety check revealed that they only had one PFD which was in poor condition, a fire extinguisher that had already been discharged on a previous trip and no throwable device on the boat. CO Panich told the anglers he would meet them on shore at the boat launch and followed them to make sure of their safety. Enforcement action was taken upon reaching land.

COs Mike Hammill, Jeff Panich and Sgt. Gerald Thayer, were conducting a marine patrol on the St. Mary's River. As the three left the dock to start the patrol, they observed a sailboat come into the Detour Harbor with no registration on the boat. Contact was made with the captain of the boat who stated he was documented through the Federal Government and didn't see a reason to be registered, because the boat travels around a lot. Further investigation revealed the boat has not been registered by the current owner in 14 years and has been kept in the waters of Michigan while the owner resided in Florida. Directions on how to obtain a current registration were given to the owner of the boat, as well as enforcement action being taken for the registration violation. After receiving the ticket, the owner explained that he had been stopped several times by other agencies and action was never taken. The owner thanked the COs for their professionalism while on the stop.

CO Kevin Postma responded to a complaint of a fire in progress on Sugar Island. Upon arrival it was determined that a truck transporting a load of hay caught fire resulting in a complete loss of the truck and trailer. CO Postma investigated the incident, gathered information and then turned it over to the Michigan State Police (MSP) for follow up.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Jon Busken were traveling in Mackinac County when a vehicle passed their fully marked patrol truck in a no passing zone at a high rate of speed. PCO Busken stopped the vehicle and spoke to the driver, who stated he was not paying attention. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Gerald Thayer was on marine patrol when he encountered a subject operating an unregistered watercraft. The subject swore that the vessel was just registered and the current registration was up at the house. The subject could not find the current registration and a check revealed that the vessel registration was indeed expired. A ticket was issued for the unregistered watercraft and warnings given for other marine safety violations.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Jon Busken patrolled several inland lakes in Mackinac County during the 4th of July holiday and checked several anglers. CO Gustafson and PCO Busken checked one vessel in which two individuals were fishing without a license and a 19 year old had been drinking alcohol. The vessel operator stated, "We have one coming". Enforcement action was taken.

While on routine fish patrol PCO Bobby Watson and CO Mike Hammill contacted occupants of a vessel trolling in a local walleye hotspot. When PCO Watson asked the anglers for their fishing licenses, one of the anglers provided a fishing license and the other, an Ohio resident, replied that the nonresident fishing licenses are too expensive to buy. Several days later on the same body of water PCO Watson and CO Hammill made contact with a different angler with the same story. Tickets were issued.

PCO Bobby Watson and CO Mike Hammill contacted a large group of campers at a local state forest campground (SFC). Approximately 12 campers crammed themselves onto one site and proceeded to target practice with a .22 long arm and shoot off potato

guns into the evening. They continued to provide other forms of entertainment for the neighboring campsites resulting in complaints. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Evink was assisting the MSP with a domestic violence situation when a second domestic violence situation occurred a few miles away. Because the MSP troopers were tied up on the first complaint, CO Evink broke away and responded to the second. While en route the CO heard that Emergency Medical Services (EMS) had been dispatched but were waiting for police officers to arrive before entering onto the premises. Once on scene CO Evink contacted an elderly male and his son who were arguing. Medical personnel were then able to tend to the elderly man's wife.

CO John Wenzel was called about a burning mobile home on a property in Delta County. Officer Wenzel responded along with the local fire department to the scene. No one was around the still burning debris. As the fire department was putting out the fire, the homeowner arrived on scene. He was very upset that his fire had been put out. Enforcement action was taken for improper disposal of solid waste.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert was working a joint marine safety patrol with the Kalkaska Sheriff Department on Torch Lake near the sand bar area. The officers observed a female subject attempting to drive a pontoon boat away from the sand bar with the boat's propeller completely out of the water. Officers conducted a stop on the vessel on suspicion of drunk boating. CO Albert arrested and lodged the driver for operating under the influence of alcohol.

While returning from the jail after lodging a subject for drunk boating, CO Andrea Albert conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that failed to yield to an oncoming emergency vehicle that was running with lights and siren. The suspect vehicle had passed CO Albert after she had pulled over for the oncoming emergency vehicle. Upon contacting the driver it was apparent he had been drinking. CO Albert lodged the driver for operating a motor vehicle under the influence. He had a blood alcohol level of almost double the legal limit.

CO Andrea Albert and Sgt. Greg Drogowski conducted a marine patrol on Torch Lake on the 4th of July during the busy "Torch Fest" when hundreds of boats and thousands of people flock to the sand bar area located on the south end of Torch Lake. While patrolling near the sand bar, a citizen waved down the officers and pointed out a highly intoxicated male subject in the water hanging around their boat. The boaters were concerned he was going to pass out and drown and when they tried to put a life jacket on him he assaulted the complainant. When CO Albert and Sgt. Drogowski loaded the intoxicated subject into their patrol boat, the subject became combative and officers arrested him for being drunk and disorderly. The suspect was released from custody and transported to the hospital because of his dangerous level of intoxication. Warrants will be sought for MIP and drunk and disorderly.

During the “Torch Fest” on Torch Lake at the sand bar area on the 4th of July, CO Andrea Albert responded to a request for assistance from the Antrim County marine patrol. The marine patrol had contacted a minor drinking beer and she had marijuana on her person. CO Albert ticketed the subject for possession of marijuana and MIP and transported her to shore for processing at the incident command center.

On the 4th of July after a long day of marine patrol on Torch Lake, CO Andrea Albert was headed to the hospital to follow up on a complaint. CO Albert observed a motor vehicle coming at her head-on in a no passing zone without their headlights illuminated. The CO conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the driver being ticketed for minor in possession of alcohol and for passing in a no passing zone.

COs Andrea Albert, Mike Hearn and Sgt. Jon Wood were on marine patrol on Torch Lake on the 4th of July weekend when they received an emergency call of a person in the water near a personal watercraft (PWC) yelling for help. Officers responded to the area and found a male subject driving a PWC with a female passenger. Further investigation found that the female subject had fallen off the PWC and was yelling. CO Albert conducted sobriety tests on the PWC operator and arrested the subject for operating a watercraft while intoxicated. His preliminary breath test was well over the legal limit.

CO Andrea Albert and Sgt. Jon Wood were on marine patrol on the Torch River when they observed a vessel with an expired registration. As they conducted a stop the boat’s operator threw her cigarette into the water right in front of the officers. Further investigation found the boat was legally registered, but the operator was ticketed for littering.

CO Steve Speigl and PCO Brad Bellville responded to a complaint of a boating accident near Torch Lake where the responsible party did not stop to report the accident. COs were able to track down the location of the responsible boat and obtain information of the driver. The accident remains under investigation.

CO Mike Feagan and Sgt. Greg Drogowski handled a complaint at a SFC where a 12 year old selling firewood down the road had several bundles of firewood stolen, and whose father had located the suspect vehicle at one of the campsites. Officers interviewed the suspect(s) and were able to obtain a confession. Restitution was paid to the young entrepreneur for the stolen firewood, and the suspect was ticketed for campground violations.

CO Mark DePew was patrolling Otsego Lake when he witnessed a jetski overturn and begin floating away from the operator who was unable to reboard the machine. CO DePew assisted the operator back on the jetski and discovered he was 14 years old and unable to operate alone due to his age. Contact was made with the youth’s father who became irate with the CO once he was told he was receiving a ticket for allowing and youth to operate a jetski.

DISTRICT 4

While conducting a marine safety patrol, CO Holly Pennoni contacted a PWC operator who needed to have a boating safety certificate. A verbal warning was issued for the violation with instructions not to operate further without one and instructions on how to obtain the safety certificate. The following day, CO Pennoni observed the same individual operating the PWC, obviously not heeding the warning from the previous day. This time the operator was issued a ticket with instructions on how to take care of it and how to go about getting their boating safety certificate.

While on marine patrol during the National Cherry Festival air show detail, COs Sean Kehoe and Rich Stowe observed a small child drifting away from a large crowd of boats toward the closed air show box. Adults on scene were not reacting and the child was beginning to panic and cry. The COs were able to load the child into their patrol boat and return him to his parents without incident.

CO Carla Soper was dispatched to assist with a lost hiker who had managed to find himself and his 10 year old son completely off course. CO Soper located the hikers who were exhausted and bug bitten, both carrying 30 plus pound backpacks. After figuring out where the hikers had started for the day, it was discovered that they were over eight miles off course and now approximately 18 miles from their vehicle. CO Soper transported the grateful hikers back to their vehicle.

CO Carla Soper was dispatched to a complaint on Portage Lake in Manistee County where an alleged intoxicated boater had rammed a water trampoline. CO Soper responded to the boat launch and was unable to observe any sign of the reported suspect pontoon boat. A MSP trooper located what was believed to be the possible suspect with his boat in tow, pulling into a local gas station. The driver was questioned about the ramming incident and admitted that he was the driver of the vessel. The driver performed sobriety tests and was found to be over the legal limit. While performing the sobriety tests, the driver's wife, who was also intoxicated, became very belligerent and would not stop interfering with the investigation. The driver was arrested for OWI in a motor vehicle and the passenger was lodged for disorderly conduct.

While patrolling at the Silver Lake State Park dune area, CO Steve Converse observed a pickup truck come to assist another sand dune vehicle which was stuck. CO Converse observed an opened can of beer in the vehicle as the driver exited, which is a violation of State Park regulations. Upon contact and investigation, it was determined that the driver of the pickup was over the legal alcohol limit and was arrested for OUIL along with transporting open intoxicants.

CO Jeff Ginn provided backup to local officers investigating an armed robbery by three individuals. Two of the suspects were quickly apprehended with the one remaining suspect at large, along with a long gun used in the robbery. CO Ginn assisted the MSP with a perimeter on the suspect's residence. COs Brian Brosky and Sam Koscinski were in the area and also provided assistance with the perimeter. The remaining

suspect was taken into custody at the residence. The firearm used during the commission of the crime was located at a nearby vacant residence and seized by the conservation officers. The COs also assisted with transporting property and evidence to the Newaygo County Sheriff Department.

COs Jeff Ginn and Angela Greenway were assigned to the Muskegon River Task Force in Newaygo County when they made contact with a group of individuals who were inner tubing. These subjects were in possession of marijuana; and one subject claimed to have a medical marijuana card. He was advised that it did not cover his additional five smoking friends nor was it legal to be smoking in public. Two of the subjects had outstanding warrants for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken including lodging one subject in the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Angela Greenway was working the Muskegon River Task Force when she received a complaint of two subjects having sex on their tubes floating down the river. Several witnesses came forward and complained about the couple's behavior. Witnesses advised CO Greenway that the two having sex in plain view were in a group of tubes that included a young female child. Families kayaking the river also complained that their children were exposed to the lewd behavior. CO Greenway was able to make contact with the suspects near the State access site. It was determined that the male subject had outstanding warrants for his arrest and was lodged in the Newaygo County Jail. The female subject was on parole and was also lodged in the county jail. Charges will be sought on both subjects for indecent exposure.

CO Troy VanGelderren was working the Muskegon River Task Force when he observed a subject lighting fireworks from his tube and shooting them onto private property. Upon making contact with the two tubers, both subjects provided false information to the CO of their identity. It was quickly determined that both subjects were under 21 years of age and in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren was working the Muskegon River Task Force when he observed a subject who appeared to be asleep on a tube and floating past a designated take-out point. CO VanGelderren inquired with the group of tubers that were exiting the river if the solo female tuber was with them. The response was yes, but no one in the group seemed too concerned. CO VanGelderren was able to locate the unresponsive tuber in an eddy over 300 yards downstream from her take-out location. The intoxicated tuber was returned upstream to her friends.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Josiah Killingbeck were on marine patrol during the holiday weekend when they made contact with a PWC operator without a PFD. Upon making contact, the adult operator advised the COs that it is his right to operate without a life jacket. Upon inspecting the PWC, it was also determined that there was no fire extinguisher aboard the vessel. When he received a marine safety ticket, the subject advised the COs that he never wears a seat belt in his motor vehicle as well.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Josiah Killingbeck contacted two subjects fishing on Hardy Pond. One of the anglers quickly asked the COs about the legal size limit for walleye. Once the officers advised the subjects of the legal size limit, the anglers smiled and displayed two 16" walleyes. Unfortunately one of the subjects had failed to purchase a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Josiah Killingbeck were on patrol and located subjects fishing from shore. Upon the COs' approach, one of the subjects dropped their fishing pole and moved away. PCO Killingbeck contacted the subject and was able to obtain an admission to fishing without a license. The subject also had a valid warrant for his arrest and was taken into custody and lodged in the county jail.

DISTRICT 5

COs Matt Liestenfeltz and Chris Bowen contacted the operator of a vessel on the waters of Higgins Lake in Roscommon County. What started out as a registration problem led to the operator being arrested for operating while intoxicated. The subject had been operating near an area of the lake that was very busy with other boats and swimmers in the water. The operator was lodged in the Roscommon County jail.

Sgt. Jon Wood was on marine patrol on Houghton Lake when he checked a pontoon with several anglers aboard. As the CO approached, he observed one of the subjects quickly reel in their line, drop the rod and sit down. When the angler was told she had already been observed fishing, she admitted she had been, and stated that she had bought a fishing license last year and never used it; and so she did not want to purchase a current license. In addition, when the stringer of fish was checked, Sgt. Wood observed a walleye that appeared to be short. When asked how long the fish was, a second subject quickly stated "15 inches". A quick measurement confirmed the CO's suspicions as the walleye was well shy of the 15 inch requirement. The 'lucky' angler then went on to tell the CO that they intended to take the fish home and take a photograph of it. The fish was photographed - for evidence - and then released back into the water. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Hearn, Andrea Albert and Sgt. Jon Wood were working marine safety patrol on Torch Lake over the holiday when they were flagged down by a boat operator who claimed a subject in another vessel had collided with them at the mouth of the Torch River. The COs were able to catch up to the suspect vessel and made contact with the operator. Observations led the officers to check the sobriety of the operator. The operator was subsequently arrested and lodged in the Kalkaska County jail by CO Hearn for operating while intoxicated.

COs Andrea Albert, Mike Hearn and Sgt. Jon Wood were on marine patrol on Torch Lake when they responded to a call that a female skier had fallen in the water and was screaming for help. When the COs arrived to the area in question, they were unable to locate the described female or PWC. After further investigation, it was learned that the female had not been skiing, but rather she may have been thrown off a PWC by a male

subject. Officers were able to locate the male/female pair on the PWC. During the ensuing investigation, the operator appeared to show signs of impairment. After a series of tests, CO Albert placed the operator of the PWC under arrest and he was lodged in the Antrim County Jail.

While patrolling Pratt Lake, CO Mark Papineau observed several subjects being towed behind a PWC without an observer. As CO Papineau approached to make contact, the subjects saw the patrol boat and jumped off the tube. During initial discussions, the PWC operator denied towing without an observer but quickly confessed and enforcement action was taken.

CO Warren MacNeill on two separate occasions rescued two boats in distress. The first was a 42' sailboat that had engine problems and became stuck in between rocks. CO MacNeill was able to pull the sailboat to the safety of the harbor. The second was a 14' boat that was taking on water and again CO MacNeill was able to pull that boat to safety.

CO Kyle Bader assisted local deputies with a domestic violence call. It was reported that a seven year old was assaulting his mother with a plastic baseball bat. CO Bader was nearby and responded to assist the deputies. CO Bader was the first on scene and was speaking with the seven year old when the youngster decided to run from the CO. CO Bader was able to catch the running juvenile and return him to the residence where they waited for the deputies to arrive.

CO Jon Warner assisted the local police department with a missing two year old. CO Warner checked the river system as well as the surrounding wood lots. After several hours the missing two year old was located at the neighbor's a couple of houses away.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Joshua Russell were checking several smaller lakes for marine safety and fishing regulation compliance. The fishing success seemed to be high; however, several subjects did not take the time to measure their fish. Numerous lakes were checked resulting in four separate undersized fish. They issued tickets for two undersized pike as well as two undersized bass.

CO Jason McCullough completed a lengthy investigation that started with information he received nearly two years ago regarding a subject who had killed a large buck while his hunting license was revoked. The suspect's hunting licenses were revoked as a result of a prior arrest by CO McCullough. A photograph of the deer eventually showed up on Facebook and CO McCullough was forwarded the information. A search warrant was executed and several deer racks and mounts were seized. CO McCullough interviewed the subject, who denied killing the deer. CO McCullough advised the subject about the evidence he had, and a confession was obtained. CO McCullough and PCO Joshua Russell obtained a warrant for the subject for taking a deer while revoked.

DISTRICT 6

PCO Jeremy Beavers and CO Dan Lee were patrolling the Saginaw River in Bay City when they observed a jetski on the water after sunset. They could barely make out the vessel as it was jumping the wake of another boat. The COs stopped the vessel and found that the registration, although showing valid until 3/2015, had actually expired in 2012. The operator claimed not to know how valid tags had made it onto his expired vessel. A ticket was issued for operating after hours.

While working the Saginaw River during the River Roar, PCO Jeremy Beavers, COs Josh Wright and Dan Lee stopped a boat showing expired registration. There was a strong odor of controlled substance coming from the boat. The operator explained that he had some marijuana in a compartment in the bow. The officers located and seized the drugs. The registration came back valid through 2017 but the owner had failed to put on the registration tabs. A warrant is being sought for possession of controlled substance.

CO Larn Strawn was dispatched to a RAP complaint of a large waste hauler vehicle stuck on state land. Suspecting the waste hauler may have illegally dumped trash or refuse the complainant called the RAP hotline. The CO responded immediately and discovered not only was the large dump truck stuck, the big rig tow truck was stuck as well and was precariously close to rolling into a water filled ditch. After contacting the drivers and searching the area the CO determined the waste hauler was simply trying to turn the truck around in the state land to avoid crossing a nearby bridge with a weight restriction.

On the way home from a shift on Belle Isle, CO Quincy Gowenlock observed a vehicle rapidly approaching him from behind. The CO estimated the vehicle to be traveling at approximately 90 mph in the posted 70 mph zone. The vehicle then passed the CO on the right and rapidly approached another slower vehicle. The suspect vehicle then slammed on the brakes narrowly avoiding a collision. It then changed lanes again and began to pull away. The CO stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver. The driver denied going that fast or almost colliding with the other vehicle. The driver was issued a ticket for speed and given a verbal warning for the careless operation.

PCO William Brickel and CO Ken Lowell stopped multiple anglers on Crystal Lake. One angler had a bass in his live well that looked a little short. The angler stated that he did not measure the fish but thought it looked legal. The bass was only 13 inches and the angler was ticketed for the short fish.

PCO William Brickel and CO Ken Lowell stopped and checked a boat with three anglers on Rainbow Lake. Two of the anglers were from Tennessee and did not have fishing licenses. The owner of the boat stated that he was going to go get the boys a nonresident license later in the day. The owner of the boat was a Michigan resident and when he was asked to produce his fishing license he also could not produce one. Enforcement action was taken

CO Joshua Wright received a RAP complaint that a person heard a gunshot from the road and when they went to investigate they saw a dead deer in the field. The complainant quickly got in his vehicle and obtained the plate number of the first vehicle he saw. When CO Wright arrived at the scene, he was able to collect evidence with the help of the MSP and was given a positive ID of the driver from a SOS picture, which the witness confirmed. The driver was eventually found and denied having anything to do with the deer until the passenger of the vehicle eventually told the truth - that they had shot the deer with a 30-06 from the vehicle. Charges are being sought on the shooter and the driver.

While driving through the Verona State Game Area (SGA), CO Bob Hobkirk was contacted by a subject who was looking for his teenage daughter who had left her home in the middle of the night over 30 hours earlier. The girl had been entered into LEIN as a missing person, and CO Hobkirk assisted the man in checking the game area. Later in the day, CO Hobkirk received a call from the man who told him that his daughter had just been spotted in a nearby town, but took off when she was approached. After the phone call, Officer Hobkirk drove past the complainant's home and located the missing teen's car in the driveway. CO Hobkirk stood by until the parents and a deputy from the sheriff's department arrived.

COs Seth Rhodea and Bob Hobkirk were checking boats and anglers on Saginaw Bay when they contacted two anglers, one of whom did not have his fishing license but claimed he had one. A records check revealed the angler claiming to have purchased a fishing license had in fact not purchased one since 2010, and had been ticketed in the past for fishing without a license. The owner of the boat was also ticketed for a marine safety violation after several violations were discovered, including flares that had been expired for almost two decades.

DISTRICT 7

COs Steve Mooney, Brad Brewer and Sgt. Zach Doss conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan near the Indiana/Michigan state line. During the patrol, an Indiana charter boat that was fishing in Michigan was checked and it was discovered that even though the cost of a daily fishing license was included in the charter, the daily fishing licenses were not filled out, therefore allowing the captain to not be charged for the cost of the fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer obtained a warrant for a charter boat captain who allowed a 13 year old passenger to operate the boat at high speed without supervising the youth. During the time the youth was not supervised, he almost struck another fishing boat at high speed, coming close enough to run over the other boat's planer boards.

CO Cary Foster was called to Jordan Lake on a report of early morning water ski activity where the participants were operating without an observer. After locating the watercraft and observing the activity, CO Foster contacted and issued a ticket to the boat operator

for towing a skier without an observer. The skiers admitted to 20 years of experience and operating on occasion without an observer.

CO Greg Patten assisted Muskegon State Park officers who had repeatedly located a subject entering the Duck Lake State Day Use Area as late as 1:00 a.m. This person refused to comply with warnings to leave and in one case followed employees back to the office in a threatening manner. CO Patten contacted the individual at his residence and issued a ticket for entering the park after hours.

CO Greg Patten was conducting patrols of the Muskegon SGA when he stopped two ORVs operating illegally. Each person was warned against operation in the game area and ticketed for not having a spark arrester. During the patrol, CO Patten found an illegal campsite which required additional follow up during the week. Locating the responsible party, CO Patten issued a ticket for camping in the game area during the closed period.

CO Greg Patten patrolled Silver Lake State Park on assignment and located an unsupervised minor operating an ORV that had become stuck in the dunes. CO Patten searched and located the mother of the juvenile and she was ticketed for allowing the minor to operate unsupervised.

CO Greg Patten reported that cases against three persons who were operating vehicles in wetlands on US Forest Service (USFS) property in Muskegon County have been concluded. Each person was fined \$375 for operation in a wetland and they had been warned on numerous other violations. This incident was reported to the USFS and the RAP hotline by members of a local 4 x 4 club who were concerned over the illegal acts they had witnessed. Without this citizen action, large acres of wetland would have been further damaged.

DISTRICT 8

CO Rich Nickols received a RAP complaint of subjects fishing on a small lake and keeping several undersized bass. CO Nickols responded to the location and contacted the subjects just as they were leaving. The three subjects had 15 largemouth bass, 12 of which were less than 14 inches. Four of the bass were able to be released alive back into the lake. Restitution will be sought on the other eight.

CO Rich Nickols received a complaint from the Ingham County Sheriff's Office of a licensed marijuana caregiver who has been burning stems and other unused portions of the plants in an open burning barrel. Neighbors have complained and the subject has been warned not to do it in the past but continues to burn it. A report is being sent to the prosecutor's office for possible charges.

While on marine patrol, CO Rich Nickols contacted five subjects in two small aluminum boats that were moored together. Three of the subjects were fishing, two of whom did

not have licenses. There was one functional PFD between the five of them and both boats were unregistered. Tickets were issued.

While on marine patrol, CO Rich Nickols observed three people fishing on a pontoon boat. Upon making contact, CO Nickols also observed the boat was displaying a 1998 registration decal. After sorting everything out, it was determined the boat was registered but the owner had no paperwork on board. There was only one PFD for the five total occupants and two of the three subjects who were fishing did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger and PCO Saykham Keophalychanh conducted two separate investigations of illegal taking of deer, coordinating with fellow COs and PCOs to interview multiple subjects and witnesses over a large geographical area. Confessions on both cases were obtained and warrants are being sought.

While on marine patrol on the 4th of July, at the Lobdell Lake Chain, CO Dan Bigger and PCO Saykham Keophalychanh were able to address and issue tickets for multiple safety violations. This included a subject riding on the ski tow tower while the operator brought the vessel up on plane. The operator was operating an unregistered vessel and was seven PFDs short. Tickets were issued.

While on marine patrol on July 4th, CO Dan Bigger and PCO Saykham Keophalychanh contacted a PWC operator who, upon being signaled to stop for a 100' violation, was unable to come to a controlled stop prior to bumping the officers' patrol vessel. Quick response by PCO Keophalychanh enabled the PWC to avoid a head on hit as the operator screamed she did not know how to stop or steer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn worked a night marine patrol and wrote three marine tickets, including two for PWC violations. While driving from one body of water to another that day, he came across a car accident that had just occurred where a woman was pinned in her car with injuries to her right side. The door had to be removed to get the woman out of the car and she was then taken by ambulance to the nearest hospital. The driver had been going the wrong way down a busy one way street in Lansing.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Matthew Page made a stop of a vessel operating without a valid registration. The operator insisted that although he had owned the boat for several years, he was just out "testing" it on the holiday weekend. The snacks and drinks on board the vessel implied that the "testing" was going to be for the full evening. Further it was found that there was no type IV PFD or a fire extinguisher on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Matthew Page were coming out into a lake from a slow, no-wake channel when they observed a man fishing from shore. Upon seeing the COs the man left the shoreline and walked behind the residence. The COs contacted several individuals on shore to determine where the man had gone. Soon the man who had

been fishing came walking back around the house without his fishing gear. He initially attempted to deny fishing but quickly realized he couldn't fool the COs and admitted that he did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Damon Owens and PCO Christopher Reynolds, while on patrol, contacted several boaters and anglers. One of the anglers when contacted immediately stated, "I have some fish I need to throw back." PCO Reynolds looked in the bucket and the angler had five largemouth bass under 14". The angler then stated that he didn't have a tape measure. A tape measure was given to the angler along with a ticket.

DISTRICT 9

CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko followed up on a littering complaint on state land. A metal safe was dumped in a swampy area of the Holly State Recreation Area. The complainant obtained a license plate number of the pickup truck and the officers responded to the address. Initially, the COs received resistance from the younger male at the house regarding the incident. After further questioning, he eventually admitted to using his father's truck to dump the safe with a friend. The safe was removed and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko conducted follow up on a turtle complaint in Addison Township. The complainant reported that a female subject had caught a snapping turtle using a fishing pole and "bashed its head in with a rock" to kill it. Although the complaint came in a few days after the incident, CO Kieft and PCO Sutzko were able to locate the turtle remains at the female subject's residence and obtain a confession on the violation. The turtle was taken out of season and the female subject did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Pontiac Lake, CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko observed a watercraft operating with an expired registration from 2013. The operator of the watercraft was not the owner, so the COs followed him back to the dock. The owner was contacted and it was determined that he had a misdemeanor warrant for assault out of the 36th District Court in Detroit. A ticket was issued for operating an unregistered watercraft, and he was advised and released on the warrant.

CO Pete Purdy, while on marine patrol, contacted the operator of a vessel that displayed a 2011 registration sticker. It was confirmed the vessel's registration in fact expired in 2011. The operator explained he brought the vessel to the lake to see if it would run. He went on to say once it started his friends convinced him to take it out for the day, which he did. He also didn't have a fire extinguisher on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller and PCO Justin Ulberg worked the Sterling State Park fireworks detail, assisted by MSP troopers and park rangers. COs Miller and Ulberg made a traffic stop on a vehicle due to a subject car surfing and riding on the roof of the car while it was moving. The COs contacted the occupants of the vehicle and found open intoxicants

throughout and a small amount of marijuana. One of the passengers was also on parole from the Department of Corrections. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Derek Miller and Justin Ulberg worked Lenawee County lakes for marine activity. The COs observed a vessel operating at a high rate of speed, pulling tow tubes, with a subject riding on the bow where there was not a seat. The subject on the bow was half hanging off the boat and a stop revealed the boat's registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken on the operator of the boat.

While on patrol checking boaters at Clinton River Cutoff Access site, PCO David Schaumburger and PCO Christopher Knights made contact with a possible illegal charter boat operation. CO Kris Kiel identified the suspect as being a repeat offender. PCOs Schaumburger and Knights interviewed the suspect and passengers. A ticket was issued for operating an unlicensed charter boat and the boat was seized.

CO Kris Kiel, PCOs David Schaumburger and Christopher Knights contacted a boat captain who was also suspected of running an unlicensed charter boat. The suspect and passengers were interviewed and it was determined an illegal operation was taking place. A ticket was issued for operating an unlicensed charter boat.

BELLE ISLE REPORT

6/22/14 – 7/7/14

While patrolling Belle Isle during the Ford Fireworks, COs Mark Papineau and Steve Lockwood noticed the odor of marijuana in the air. The COs located the source and contacted three individuals smoking and consuming alcohol as they enjoyed the fireworks. The subjects advised that they were aware that alcohol consumption was prohibited in the park along with the illegal use of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol during the Freedom Festival on Belle Isle, COs Jeremy Payne, Holly Pennoni and William Brickel made a stop for a broken windshield. After approaching the vehicle the COs smelled marijuana, the driver admitted to having marijuana and the vehicle was searched. During the stop it was also discovered that the driver had multiple warrants for her arrest, was driving on a suspended license, and did not have insurance on the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly and Lt. Ron Utt were patrolling together on Belle Isle during the Ford Freedom Festival Fireworks. The first traffic stop made was on a van driving about 45 MPH with the side door completely open and nine young kids sitting on the floor right next to the open door. A traffic stop was made and the driver advised it was too hot in the van with all the people. The driver had no driver's license and his license had been suspended 27 times. The driver also had several warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken. During the rest of the evening the two supervisors made seven more traffic arrests and 10 warrant arrests. Over all, for the number of people on the Island, everything went very well and all had a great time.

While patrolling Belle Isle State Park, CO Larn Strawn observed a person committing multiple traffic violations and driving dangerously. The CO conducted a traffic stop and contacted the driver. While speaking to the driver, the CO discovered six small children riding in the back seat. None of the children were in the required safety seats or even belted. Neither the driver nor the front seat passenger had a valid driver license and both had multiple warrants for their arrest. Ultimately the driver was released with tickets and a notice to appear in court for the outstanding arrest warrants. The CO turned the arrested passenger over to the Oakland County Sheriff to be arraigned on outstanding warrants.

While patrolling Belle Isle State Park, CO Larn Strawn observed a person driving dangerously and weaving through traffic and conducted a traffic stop. While attempting to stop the vehicle the CO noted the driver was moving around and seemed to be reaching beneath the seat and vehicle dash. The CO contacted the driver and discovered the driver was wanted for an outstanding warrant in another state. While confirming the warrant and documenting the incident the CO contacted a nearby US Border Patrol Agent and requested the assistance of his K9. The US Border Patrol Agent and his K9 searched the vehicle and discovered illegal drugs in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Bob Hobkirk witnessed an individual on rollerblades crash and hit his head on the asphalt. The man had a small laceration on the back of his head. CO Hobkirk rendered first aid until the individual's father returned with his vehicle to transport him to the hospital.

During their first Belle Isle patrol, CO Dan Bigger and PCO Saykham Keophalychanh made 35 contacts, taking two complaints and arresting a subject with three outstanding criminal bench warrants.

CO Al Mendez and PCO Matt Page worked the pre-firework activities on Belle Isle; they had over 300 contacts directing people to where they needed to be.

CO Damon Owens and PCO Christopher Reynolds, while working a 2nd and 3rd shift on Belle Isle had several contacts. Four verbal warnings were given throughout the shifts for some minor violations.

COs Mike Drexler and Dan Lee were working the Fourth of July midnight shift on Belle Isle when they were flagged down by a motorist on Jefferson Avenue who asked the COs to help at a nearby intersection for a bad automobile accident. The COs responded to the intersection a few miles away and assisted Detroit Fire and EMS in containing the crowd at the scene of a double fatal motor vehicle accident. The COs also assisted Detroit Police to contain the area of the accident for several hours.

CO Brandon Kieft and PCO A.J. Sutzko conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an expired registration while patrolling Belle Isle. While making contact with the driver, the

COs noticed numerous children in the backseat without appropriate child safety restraints. The officers confirmed the vehicle was operating on an expired registration and the driver was unable to produce any proof of insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO David Schaumburger were patrolling Belle Isle and came across an angler fishing on the pier. CO Kiel located a live goby and PCO Schaumburger asked where the goby came from. The angler responded somebody "gave it to him" and that he was only fishing with worms. PCO Schaumburger had the angler reel in his lines and located a live goby being used as bait. A ticket was issued for possession of live goby.

CO Pete Purdy while working a midnight shift on Belle Isle contacted a male subject walking in the road after midnight on the island, after park closing hours. When contacted the subject advised he was at a class reunion on the island at one of the shelters. He and his girlfriend got into an argument and she left him on the island. He stayed at the reunion until it was over then he began walking to get off the island and became lost for about two hours. CO Purdy transported the subject to a bus stop on Jefferson Avenue. He was very grateful for the assistance.

CO Pete Purdy and PCO Andrew Sutzko while working a midnight shift on Belle Isle drove by Milliken State Park and noticed an occupied vehicle parked in the State Park parking lot after hours. The COs contacted the two occupants. Both subjects had outstanding warrants for their arrest. The passenger in the vehicle was advised and released on her warrant as the holding agency was unable to make a meet. The driver of the vehicle was lodged at the Detroit Detention Center on his outstanding traffic warrant.

CO Derek Miller and PCO Justin Ulberg worked a day shift on Belle Isle. The COs made several fishing contacts resulting in positive feedback and legal checks. The COs made several traffic stops for speed and general safety concerns for failing to stop at signs or failing to yield.

CO Derek Miller and PCO Justin Ulberg responded to a complaint on Belle Isle about an unresponsive man lying in the weeds face down. Upon arrival the COs made contact with the man near the water, and were able to get him up and talking. The man was fatigued and tired of walking around the island. The man denied wanting medical attention, but decided to slowly move along off of the island back to his friend's residence.